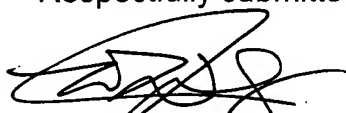


**Remarks**

Claims 1 through 22 have been cancelled in their entirety. Claims 23-44 have been added. In view of the foregoing, an early action on the merits is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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